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'Holiday  
Baby'  
May Be  
President

# 'Abe Lincoln' Born to Brighton Mother



**MRS. BIANCHI**

Mrs. Victor Bianchi, Abraham Lincoln Bianchi, who was born at 11:30 this morning, and Betty DiPesa, Boston Evening American reporter, at the Bianchi home in Brighton. He's in a holiday family. His mother's birthday was Memorial Day, his father's anniversary is Armistice Day and now his is Lincoln Day.

**BETTY DIPESA**

Boston Evening American Photo

There's a little Abe Lincoln at the Bianchi home in Murdock street, Brighton.

The gentleman made his appearance at 11:30 a. m. today and what name could be more appropriate or more inspiring than that of Abraham Lincoln? And what better reason for calling him "Abe" inasmuch as the lad was born on the anniversary of the birth of the great emancipator.

For facts about the Abe Lincoln, with a Bianchi to complete it, of February 12, 1937: He weighs six pounds, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Bianchi; Dad is a taxi driver. Baby Abe has a sister, Frances, 18 months; mother, who

is 20, was born on May 30, Memorial Day, and Dad's birthday falls on November 11, on which day we celebrate the armistice.

Little Abe was presented to the Bianchis by Dr. William J. Thomp-

son of Allston.

And mother, as do all parents, wants her son to grow up and be President of the United States.

Well, with such a name, he's got a good start.

Capital Times  
Madison, Wis 3/16-38

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### Last of Baraboo Triplets, Named By Lincoln, Dies

**BARABOO**—The last of the Haskins triplets named by Pres. Abraham Lincoln, Simon Haskins, 76, died Monday at his home in this city following a long illness.

Simon and his two brothers were born in South Starksboro, Vt. Their father, Leonard, was the postmaster of the village and he wrote to Pres. Lincoln telling him of his good fortune. The president replied, naming the infants Gideon Wells, Abraham Lincoln and Simon Cameron Haskins.

At the age of 21, the triplets came to Baraboo one by one joining a married sister who resided here at that time.

Funeral services are to be held Thursday at 2 at the home in Lyons and at 2:30 at the Advent Christian church, the Rev. E. O. Coontz officiating. Interment will be in the Walnut Hill cemetery.

Survivors include his widow, a stepdaughter, Mrs. Anthony Del Sasso, Joliet, Ill., and a number of nephews and nieces.

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Union City Mich.  
Mar 8. 1940

Dr. Louis A. Warren.  
Fort Wayne Ind.

Dear Dr. Warren,

I have a letter from Congressman  
George A. Winderup of 17 Dist of  
Michigan. He advice me to write  
for my information. Do you  
know anything about a silk  
hankerchief Abraham Lincoln  
on him the night he she.

I have a part of it. I would  
if there is any more of it & who  
has it. I am sending two picture  
of myself. I make as Abe Lincoln  
I am the only I know of that  
make as Lincoln I have been  
pretty all over the U.S.

2, 1881  
I play the part of the Abe Lincoln  
two years at the Pony Express  
Museum in Arcadia Calif. These  
picture were taken at the Museum  
I am a cousin too the Abe Lincoln  
I would to hear you soon

Chermain Es,

Abe Lincoln  
Union City  
Michigan

March 11, 1940

Mr. Abe Lincoln  
Union City, Michigan

Dear Mr. Lincoln:

We were indeed glad to receive the pictures of you and learn that there is an Abe Lincoln at Union City, Michigan.

We regret we do not know anything at all about a silk handkerchief which Abraham Lincoln wore the night of his assassination, but if we do find out anything we will be pleased to advise you.

I expect you would like very much to have a little bulletin which we publish here each week and we will enclose some copies and place your name on our mailing list, and there is no charge for it.

Very truly yours,

LAW:KB  
L.A. Warren

Director

Union City Mich.

Mar. 13. 1940

Mr Louis E Warren  
Fort Wayne  
Ind.

Dear Mr, Warren, —

I want to thank you & the  
foundation for those bulletins.  
I have a loose leaf cover I shall  
keep them in. I save everything  
I see in the papers about Abe  
Lincoln.

I am sending you another  
picture of myself & a littler girl  
she lives in Canton Ohio. This one  
was taken in Calif.

Do you know  
where I can get  
a silk hat like  
the one I have on  
the picture.

Yours very truly  
Abe Lincoln  
Union City  
Mich.







*Proctor's*  
**Name of Lincoln** 1/14

WORCESTER, Feb. 12—Born on Lincoln's Birthday anniversary in 1915 and known to his friends and acquaintances as "Lincoln," it was appropriate that the Probate Court should hear today—Lincoln's Birthday—the petition of Frank Szostakowski for right to change his name to Frank Lincoln. Szostakowski, 25, and a resident of Charlton, is employed as a shipping clerk by a Worcester concern. He asks the change because of the difficulty in spelling and pronouncing his name and the fact that he is known generally as "Lincoln."

**C. A. "ABE"**  
**LINCOLN**  
**REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE**  
*for*  
**PROSECUTING ATTORNEY**  
**ALLEN COUNTY**

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***Why "Abe" Lincoln Should Be elected Prosecutor:***

1. BECAUSE he is qualified by years of experience as a trial lawyer in State and Federal Courts and as Chief Deputy Prosecutor.
2. BECAUSE he has proved that he's able and honest.
3. BECAUSE he is tireless and courageous.
4. BECAUSE he will keep Fort Wayne a City free of organized crime.
5. BECAUSE he is fair and impartial.
6. BECAUSE he has been a lifelong Republican.
7. BECAUSE he will, as he has in the past, continue to apply the criminal laws as a matter of justice and not for political or vengeful purposes.
8. BECAUSE he is a veteran and knows the value of law and order.

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*This circular was prepared and published by a group of Abe's friends who believe that Abe is the type of "Fighting Republican" for the Prosecutor's office.*

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FOR OR AGAINST TRUMAN?—

## City Lincolns Split On Abe's '51 Stand

The four Lincolns listed in the St. Paul telephone directory have mixed ideas about Abraham Lincoln's probable reaction to present world conditions.

The nation's first Republican chief executive, born 142 years ago Monday, "would certainly be 'able to make some speech today' if he were alive and in President Truman's shoes, according to Mrs. Marie Lincoln, 48, a grandmother, who lives at 20 W. College ave.

"I think he would do exactly as Tru-



Marie Lincoln man is doing today and he might write a better speech than Truman," Mrs. Lincoln

Thomas Lincoln said.

Her husband, a veteran of World War I, is a patient in a Washington, D. C., veterans' hospital. She has two married daughters and five grandchil-

drren. Mrs. Lincoln, who works on an assembly line in a Midway factory, said she has just started her job and will join a labor union within a month.

She does not think Lincoln would agree with ex-President Hoover on abandoning Europe or any part of the world which wants American help in maintaining democracy.

Thomas Lincoln, 41, 2156 St. Anthony ave., chef at Schiek's

cafe in Minneapolis who belongs to a union, believes Lincoln "would try to free the people of the world from all their slaveries today if he were alive."

"He was for the common people," Thomas Lincoln continued, "and common people live in every country of the world. I certainly don't think he would agree with Mr. Hoover and the present Hoover ideas. I think his reactions would be like Mr. Truman's." Thomas Lincoln has two sons, Robert, 10, and Thomas, 12.

A maintenance man for the Feinberg Kosher Sausage Co., Minneapolis, L. L. Lincoln, 39, who lives at 1214 Edgerton ave., believes Lincoln was a "peace-loving man first" and would have used "a little more diplomacy" than the Truman administration. He added:

"I don't think he would have been an appeaser—I just think he would have used better diplomacy. I think he would have done as ex-President Hoover suggests until he had to do dif-



L. L. Lincoln

ferent. He would have kept his nose out of Korea—for a while, at least . . . and



W. B. Lincoln would have gone to war only as a final resort." L. L. Lincoln has three daughters.

The fourth Lincoln listed, Wayne B. Lincoln, 44, of 1880 Bayard ave., assistant comptroller for the Wood Conversion Co., a Weyerhaeuser subsidiary, admitted he is a rock-ribbed Republican.

"If Mr. Lincoln were in the White House today, he would do the things he thought were best for the country and the people rather than the things that are considered smart politics," he said.

### Closings To Note Day

State, city and county offices and public and parochial schools will be closed Monday in observance of the 141st anniversary of Lincoln's birth.

There will be no holiday, however, for department stores, which will observe regular Monday shopping hours, banks and federal offices. Most retail concerns, industries and offices will be open for business.

**Local Lincolns**

*Chi. Daily News - 2-11-67*

# ***In Relation to Abe-- No, He's Not Here***

By Robert J. Herguth

Every Feb. 12, local Lincolns get phone calls asking if Honest Abe is there.

Maybe the best comeback is from Mrs. Gordon B. Lincoln of Homewood, who says: "He's down at Ford's theater, getting shot."

Then she hangs up. Her hubby is no Abe relation, incidentally.

In Chicago, surprisingly, there may be many distant kinfolk of Abraham Lincoln, who would be 158 Sunday.

**THE NORTH** Side's Mrs. Catherine Lincoln, 81, traced the family to Samuel Lincoln, who came to America in 1637.

Samuel had two sons—Samuel and Mordecai—according to Mrs. Lincoln.

Abraham Lincoln apparently was descended from Mordecai, while Mrs. Lincoln's late husband Walter claims young Samuel as ancestor.

"We don't do any special celebrating on Lincoln's birthday," said Mrs. Lincoln's daughter, Evelyn Lincoln Fogarty.

"But we watch Lincoln movies on TV, and every time my mother finds an article on him, she reads it avidly."

**THE ONLY ABE** Lincoln in Chicago's phonebook also thinks he's related. He explained, "This is the way my father told it to me:"

"Abe Lincoln's grandfather and your great-great-great-grandfather were brothers."

Chicago's present-day Abe Lincoln is actually S. Walter Lincoln, a Libertyville resident.

He's a travel wholesaler with offices at 14 E. Jackson and finds the name "Abe" helps people remember him.

**THE WIFE** of Willis M. Lincoln, an antique dealer in Half Day, says his relationship to Abe is "like 33d cousins, six times removed."

"But we have a lot of fun on Lincoln's birthday when people call and ask for Abe."

"I tell them he's out to the theater or splitting logs."

From *Christian Herald*  
Feb 1950  
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*Abe Lincoln, left, John Lincoln, right.  
No wonder people stop to stare...*

## The Name's John ... not Abe!

By OREN ARNOLD

**S**CARCELY a week passes in Phoenix, Arizona, that some newcomer doesn't accost a certain leading citizen there and ask, "Are you any kin to Abraham Lincoln?"

The likeness is uncanny. Except for the beard, this individual has every detail of face and frame that we love in the history books—the long legs, the angular body in loose clothes, even the benign mouth and eyes that smile as he extends a bony, sensitive hand.

Strangely enough, I met him first on Lincoln's birthday. We happened one Sunday to get into the same pew in church. Immediately I was impressed by his Lincolnesque appearance, but the matter took on a hint of the fantastic when he turned to me after the service, offered his hand and said, "My name is Lincoln."

From that moment I had to know about him. His first name is John—as biblical and honest as Abraham—and he is distinguished as one of the greatest industrialists of our time.

He was the founder and original genius behind the vast Lincoln Electric Company, whose policies have confounded most of the fumbling tenets of capital labor and politics. It was

his company which gave laborers more than even union organizers dared demand for them. Piece work, with ascending rather than descending scale of pay as skill developed, was perfected here. Incentive plans, whereby workers share generous bonuses for thinking as well as laboring with hands, have given Lincoln employes incomes almost double those of other workers in this field. Each worker there produces three times the output of the average person in 14 comparable companies studied.

And yet, while these accomplishments of the firm have had national attention, almost no fanfare has been sounded for the genius who first envisioned them and gave the firm its birth. In these confused times we can profitably inspect him.

John Lincoln probably is kin to Abe without knowing it. He came, as Abe did, from English ancestors who settled in our Midwest. He was born the year after Abe's death. His father was a preacher-farmer more zealous than efficient, his mother an angelic soul who studied medicine on the side to earn a little money. John, eldest of their 10 children, saw no schoolroom until at age 15 he entered the Paines-

## THE NAME'S JOHN...

(Continued from page 6)

ville, Ohio, High School. But, as the youthful Abe had done, he had devoured many preparatory books by the cabin fire. Among them was the Bible. In 1950, John Lincoln is one of the best Bible students in America, and has published his own book giving his interpretations of Christ's teachings.

Fireside schooling had been mainly in Latin and English, but in Painesville High he found a strange new subject called physics, also a laboratory consisting of one electric magneto. "Some fool named Edison made a light from electricity a few years ago," a teacher told him, "but it won't amount to anything." John Lincoln was fascinated.

**T**HE fascination held strongly enough to make him work his way through three years of Ohio University where he studied mechanical engineering, there being no electrical engineering course available anywhere then. He couldn't afford the fourth year. Not until 25 years later did Ohio U. award him his degree; then it was honorary, with great pride on both sides.

His first full-time job was with Brush Electric Company in Cleveland, where he worked 59 hours a week for 10 cents an hour—and lived within that income. He conceived and built the first arc light that didn't have to be trimmed every day, a revolutionary thing; he still has the original drawings.

When he had saved \$250 he rented a small room in what is now the Perkins Power Block at Cleveland, bought a lathe and set in to make direct-current motors. He had no helpers, but he was unwittingly launching one of the greatest industrial plants of modern times. In 1907 he bought five lots on Kelly Avenue in Cleveland and built three stories and a basement. With 50 employees, the firm was owned solely by John Henry Cromwell Lincoln, his full name. From that, the present huge plant has grown.

James Finney Lincoln, the tenth of those 10 Lincoln children and 17 years younger than John, was a cocky 21 when big-brother John gave him a job in the plant during vacation. Their ideals, nurtured by the same parents, were identical, but their natures were different. John had been a lone youngster, thinking alone, working alone. But Jim came fresh out of college as a football hero, gregarious and blustery and highly capable in his own way. They teamed admirably, because Jim could assume the executive management of the plant while John edged back toward his greater love, experimenting and inventing.

As early as 1918 the two boys were trying out a bonus for employees. All along they have studied men just as

ideal place to rest and wait for old age. He chose Phoenix, and dutifully sat down in a rocking chair with nothing to do for the first time in his life. After six days he disappeared one morning. When he returned he had bought 300 barren desert acres facing Camelback Mountain.

"Whatever are you going to do with such land?" his wife demanded.

"I don't know," said he. "Invent something, I guess."

Those desert acres had been scorned for centuries by other developers. No water for irrigation was available; only cacti and mesquite would grow there, despite the gorgeous scenery. But John went to dinner with a new friend named Jack Stewart, and met an architect named Edward Bowes. John felt them out, explored their ideals, their thinking. By 1937 John's new "invention" was complete. It was a million-dollar place called Camelback Inn, designed by Bowes, managed by Stewart, possibly the finest resort hotel in the world today.

**J**OHN visits Cleveland every few months. On one trip east he lost his shoes on a Pullman and so walked sock-footed into Cleveland's swankiest hotel, the Wade Park Manor. A smart employee tried tactfully to suggest that no guest could sit down in the dining room without shoes on, then finally reported him to the manager, who came storming downstairs. But at the dining room door the manager suddenly calmed. "Let him alone," he ordered. "He owns this hotel."

In Phoenix, John Lincoln is held to be the ideal family man. There I have watched his two sons and daughter grow up through our Presbyterian Sunday school and church, and for years I have sat near John himself each week in a Bible class.

He believes that good character comes only from reasonable sacrifice and hardship. His son Joe Lincoln in high school wanted a typewriter, and said so.

"I can't do anything about it," replied the father, a multi-millionaire.

Two months later Joe had saved enough from his allowance to buy a \$15 used machine, which he proudly brought home.

"That's mighty fine, son," said John. "Go after what you want in life, but use your own resources."

But in our community he is not a celebrity. He is simply a man of direct thought and direct action. He speaks quietly, chuckles at stale jokes which he tells at Kiwanis, wears ill-fitting clothes, and attracts no attention—except from an occasional passerby who takes one look at him and exclaims, "Why there's a man who is exactly like Abraham Lincoln!"

For a fact, he is.

THE END

Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Dec. 6/55

Dr. Louis A. Warren,  
Editor, Lincoln Lore,  
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dear Doctor Warren:

In Bulletin for October 31, mention is made that  
" towns and counties in the south bearing the name Lincoln are named  
after General Lincoln who fought at Yorktown...."

In Louisiana is a Parish named for President Lincoln,  
also Parishes named for Gen. U.S. Grant, and Secretary Cameron. It is to be  
noted, however, that these Parishes were named during the Reign of Terror  
in our State, the work of the Carpentagor-Negro-Federal Bayonets regime.

No doubt the Counties in other Southern States, bearing  
the name Lincoln, are named after General Lincoln who fought at Yorktown.

Sincerely,

1327 Boulevard.

R. Erskine Kerr.

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Indiana, Ill., Indiana  
February 17, 1958

## RINGSIDE IN HOOSIERLAND

# Wide Use of Lincoln Name Bred Confusion

By WAYNE GUTHRIE

Aside from George Washington probably no other American has been memorialized in lasting tributes or in as many different ways as Abraham Lincoln, whose birthday we celebrate today.

We find his name borne by counties, townships, cities, towns, streets, boulevards, parks, grade and high schools, hotels, inns, lodges, athletic fields, roadside eating places, vehicles and what not.

Therefore, it is not surprising to find that there have been instances where such widespread use has resulted in duplication.

That is particularly true of cities, towns or post offices, resulting in confusion.

There have been such instances right here in Indiana. I have in mind the Miami County town of Macy.

An 1887 history of that county, on file at the State Library, said that when the town was laid out originally in June, 1860, by George and Anderson Wilkinson the original plat called the place Lincoln.

The account said that it then consisted of 20 lots, was the direct outgrowth of the I.P.&C. Railroad (now a part of the Nickel Plate) and soon became the principal shipping point between Peru and Rochester on that line.

### TOWN OF LINCOLN RENAMED MACY

We found that the place continued to be known as Lincoln until 1875. Then the close proximity of another and older town called Lincoln, in Cass County, "together with the name of Allen by which the post office originally was known," caused much confusion and considerable trouble in the shipment of goods and the sending of mail.

Therefore, on petition of the town's citizens the county board changed the name from Lincoln to Macy in 1875. About the same time the board also approved the residents' petition to have the post office name changed from Allen to Macy.



Guthrie

"Since the adoption of the one name for both office and town a great deal of annoyance consequent upon the mis-sending of mail and merchandise has been avoided," said the account, adding that the post office had been moved from Five Corners in 1869.

But yet unanswered is my question as to why the name of Macy was chosen. Efforts to find out have proved futile.

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A few years ago Indiana University's splendid Lincoln collection was enriched by the addition of two books that had been read by Lincoln in his early quest for an education.

Both had been lent in their time to Lincoln by their original owners. One is the "Kentucky Preceptor," printed in Lexington, Ky., in 1812. The other is the "Revised Laws of Indiana," published in Corydon in 1824.

They left Indiana around 1865 when acquired by William S. Herndon, a former law partner of Lincoln, at Springfield, Ill., who at the time was in the Gentryville locality in search of information on Lincoln's early life.

He obtained the "Preceptor" from Mrs. Josiah Crawford, widow of the man who lent the book to Lincoln. The other he procured from David Turnham, who himself had lent the book to Lincoln. These facts are attested in Herndon's own handwriting on the inside cover of the respective book.

The former book was given to the university shortly before his death by Foreman M. Lebold, Chicago, and the latter was obtained from W. H. Townsend, Lexington, Ky.

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